An order of prayer

and thankesgiuing, for the preseruation of her Maiestie and the Realme, from the traiterous and bloodie practises of the Pope, and his adherents: to be vsed at times appointed in the Preface.

Ecclesiastes 10.

¶ Wish the King no euill in thy thought, and speake no hurt of the riche in thy priuie chamber: for the birdes of the ayre shall carry thy voyce, and hauing their feathers shall they bewray thy wordes.

Eodem.

¶ *He that diggeth a pit, shall fall therein himselfe, and who so breaketh downe the hedge, a serpent shall bite him.*

Prouerbes 21.

¶ There is no wisedome, there is no vnderstanding, there is no counsell against the Lord.
The horse is prepared for the day of battell: but the Lord giueth victorie.

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The Preface.

CONsidering the great peace and quietneſſe, wherewith God hath continually bleſſed this Noble Realme of England, ſince the time that it pleaſed him by the hand of her Maieſtie to haue the ſincere trueth of the Goſpel of our Sauiour planted among vs, and his great bleſſings of all ſortes, wherewith he hath enriched vs, and giuen vs our heartes deſires to our comfort, and the admiration of our neighbours rounde about vs: It were too great impietie, not to ſhewe our ſelues dayly thankefull for theſe great mercies, and not to craue the continuance of Gods holy hand ouer vs. But weighing further, with what perill of violent death, by meanes of wicked popiſh practiſes, our gracious ſoueraigne hath mainteined the trueth, which we profeſſe, vpon whoſe life (next vnder God) the profeſſion of the ſame in this land, and the continuance of the liues and welfare of vs her faithfull Subiects, doe depend: and knowing that the Almightie moſt miraculouſly hath preſerued her highneſſe, from al treaſon hitherto intended againſt her moſt Royall perſon, and kept our blood from flowing in euery ſtreete like water, our Cities & Houſes from ſacking, and the

whole Land from extreme ruine: with what zeale ought euery one of vs to be inflamed to prayse the Lord, for the detecting and confusion of our secrete foes, whō his right hand hath bruised? and howe ought we to detest that doctrine which bringeth foorth so traiterous and bloodie fruites? *Moses* and *Miriam*, and the whole hoste of Israel had neuer greater cause to sing vnto the Lorde for the ouerthrowe of *Pharao* and his armie: nor *Debora* and *Barac* for the victorie of *Sisera*: nor *Iudith*, and the Citizens of *Bethulia* for the end of *Holofernes* and the flight of his hoste, then we haue for the wonderfull preseruation of the life of our most gracious *Queene*, and thereby for our owne safetie. Wherefore, let euery one that feareth the Lord among vs, not onely with the *Iewes* in the booke of *Esther* yeerely holde a memoriall with great ioy of so notable deliuerance, but dayly in common assemblies haue this great goodnesse in remembrance, and pray that God will not suffer the light of *Israel* to be quenched, but that it will still please him to preserue his annoynted from the perill of the sworde, and to giue her long and happie dayes, to the glorie of his Name, to the comfort of his chosen, & to the stablishing of his trueth in this Lande, till the comming of his Sonne in the cloudes of Heauen. That this may the better be accomplished, this litle booke is by authoritie published, dayly to be vsed in *Common prayer*, where any is, or otherwise at such times as are by

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lawe appointed for *Diuine Seruice: viz*, the Prayer, and one or two of the *Pſalmes* following, according to the diſcretion of the Miniſter, and likewiſe to be adioyned vnto thoſe prayers, that are alreadie of late ſet foorth, for turning from vs the ſcarſitie of victuall, and warre, at ſuch times as they are appointed to be read in the Church.

The prayer.

OEternall God and mercifull Father, we thy vnworthie creatures most humbly doe confesse, that we are not able with our tongues to vtter, nor in our heartes to conceiue, the exceeding measure of thine infinite goodnesse in this latter age shewed to this Noble Realme, in that thou (O Lord) hast in most dangerous times, by thy prouidence, beyond expectation of man, preserued ỹ Noble person of our now Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by thy grace: First, according to her right to come to this kingdome and Royall seate of her Noble Father, and next, by her (being therein established) to deliuer vs thy people, that were as captiues to Babylon, out of thraldome of ỹ enemies of thy true Church, and to restore vs agayne to the free fruition of ỹ Gospel of thy Sonne our Sauiour Christ. For ỹ enioying whereof now many yeeres, we doe confesse and acknowledge, that when wee by our daily vnthankefulnesse, and by our sinfull liues, haue most iustly prouoked thee to withdraw these thy fauours from vs, thou (O Lorde) with thy mightie power diddest strengthen thy seruant our most gracious Queene, constantly

stantly against the threatnings of the greatest of the world to persist, in maintenance of vs in all maner of prosperitie, peace and wealth: But most singularly in a peaceable freedome, to enioy the blessed benefites of thy holy worde against the mightie enemies of thy Church daily conspiring against this Realme, and especially against the Royall person of our gracious Queene, thy humble seruant and true handmayden, whose estate being in the opinion of a nomber of wicked persons many times in great and secret dangers, yet thou (O Lorde) of thy heauenly goodnesse hast alwayes preserued and defended her by many miraculous meanes, and (as we haue good cause to thinke) by many other meanes, and at many other times, then to vs are yet knowen. But yet, besides thy preseruation of her person from the attempt of two wicked persons, that suffered for the same of late yeeres, euen nowe in this present time, whē we had no thought, ẏ any woulde haue minded such a wicked fact, we haue fully felt the power of thy miraculous goodnesse, by the discouerie of sundry wicked Conspirators, very secretly bent and combyned to make desperate attempts against her life, and against the peaceable estate of thy Church and this Realme. The stay whereof onely hath proceeded (good Lord) by thy most continual, tender and fatherly care ouer her,

in the ſtrange diſcouering, and the maner of apprehending of the malefactors, being many, and not by the wit or ſtrength of any worldly creature. For otherwiſe then by thy ſpeciall goodneſſe, we do nowe perceiue, and that with trembling of our hearts, that thee could not at ſundry times haue eſcaped the danger of violent death, wickedly and reſolutely againſt her intended, ſo that wee may truely ſay with Dauid in his Pſalme, That all men that ſee it, ſhal ſay, This hath God done: for they ſhall perceiue, that it is his worke. Wherefore we now thy humble creatures, acknowledging our vnworthineſſe of theſe great graces, beſeech thee (O Lord) that thou wilt without regard of our former vnthankfulneſſe, and contempt of thy worde, ſhewe thy mercie to vs, and continue thy bleſſings ouer vs, that we may, for theſe ſo vnſpeakeable benefites, be more thankefull then wee haue bene, not onely in wordes, or as hearers, but in deedes alſo, as doers of thy will, according to the direction of thy holy word. And that it would pleaſe thee ſtil to holde this thy bleſſed hand ouer our Queene Elizabeth, and preſerue her Royall perſon from all maner of open or ſecrete perils, whereby her yeeres may be prolonged, as farre as it may pleaſe thee to graunt, by the courſe of Nature, for the maintenance of thy glory, and of thy ſonne Ieſus Chriſt, and of his Goſpel, and for continuance

of vs thy people, her naturall subiects in the due feare and seruice of thee, and in our naturall obedience to her, whereby we and our posteritie may still inioy such peace, as wee haue had these many yeeres, vnder her Maiesties gouernement, farre aboue any like example in any age by past. Grant this (O heauenly Father) for Iesus Christes sake, thy onely sonne our Sauiour, to whome with thee and the holy Ghost be all honour and glorie, worlde without end. Amen.

The first Psalme.

WEe reioyce in thy strength, (O Lorde:) exceeding glad are we of thy saluation. Psal.21.

Thou hast giuen vs our hearts desire: and hast not denyed the request of our lippes.

Thou hast preuented vs with the blessings of goodnesse: and hast made vs glad with the ioy of thy countenance.

For the vngodly had drawen out the sworde, and had bended their bowe: to cast downe the poore and needie, and to slay such Psal.37.

as be of a right conuersation.

Their sword shall goe through their owne heart: and their bow shall be broken.

Psal.22. All thine enemies shall feele thine hand: thy right hand shall finde out them that hate thee.

Thou shalt make them like a fierie Ouen in the time of thy wrath: the Lorde shall destroy them in his displeasure, and the fire shal consume them.

Their fruite shalt thou roote out of the earth: and their seede from among the children of men.

For they intended mischiefe against thee: and imagined such a deuice, as they are not able to performe.

Therefore shalt thou put them to flight: and the strings of thy bowe shalt thou made readie against the face of them.

Psal.36. Thy mercy (O Lorde) reacheth vnto the heauens: and thy faithfulnesse vnto the cloudes.

Thy righteousnes standeth like the strong mountaines: and thy iudgements are like the great deepe.

Thou Lord doest saue both man and beast: how excellent is thy mercie, O Lord: and the children of men shal put their trust vnder the shadow of thy wings.

O continue forth thy louing kindnesse vnto them that knowe thee: and thy righteousnesse

neſſe vnto them that are true of heart.

O let not the foote of pride come againſt vs: and let not the hand of the vngodly caſt vs downe.

Withdrawe not thou thy mercie from vs, O Lorde: let thy louing kindeneſſe and thy truetth alway preſerue vs.

But let the vngodly periſh, let thine enemies conſume as the fat of lambes: yea, euen as the ſmoke let them conſume away.

So wee that bee thy people, and ſheepe of thy paſture ſhall giue thee thankes for euer: and will alway bee ſhewing forth thy prayſe from generation to generation. Pſal.79.

The ſecond Pſalme.

DEliuer vs, O Lorde, from the euill men: and preſerue vs from the wicked men. Pſal.140

Which imagine miſchiefe in their hearts: and ſtirre vp ſtrife all the day long.

The proud haue layed a ſnare for vs, and ſpred a net abroade with cordes: yea, and ſet trappes in our wayes.

They courage themſelues in miſchiefe: & common among themſelues, how they may lay ſnares, and they ſay no man ſhal ſee them. Pſal.64.

They imagine wickednelle and practiſe it:

that they keepe ſecret among themſelues, euery man in the deepe of his heart.

Pſal.140. But let not the vngodly haue their deſire, O Lord: let not their miſchieuous imaginations proſper, leaſt they be too proude.

Thou, O Lorde, ſhalt ſoodenly ſhoote at them with a ſwift arrowe: that they ſhall be wounded

And all men that ſee it, ſhall ſay, This hath God done: for they ſhall perceiue, that it is his worke.

Pſal.68. Prayſed be the Lorde dayly, euen the God that helpeth vs: and powreth his benefites vpon vs.

Hee is our God, euen the God of whome cõmeth Saluation: God is the Lord by whom we eſcape death.

Pſal.144. He hath giuen victorie vnto vs: and hath deliuered Dauid his ſeruant from the peril of the ſword.

Pſal.107. O that men woulde therefore prayſe the Lord for his goodneſſe: and declare the wonders that he doth for the children of men.

That they would exalt him in the congregation of the people: and prayſe him in the ſeate of the Elders.

That they would offer vnto him the ſacrifice of thankeſgiuing: and tell out his workes with gladneſſe.

Then ſhall our ſonnes growe vp as the yong plants: and our daughters be as the

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polished corners of the Temple.

Our garners shall bee full and plenteous with all maner of store: our sheepe shal bring forth thousandes, and tenne thousandes in our streetes.

Our Oxen shall be strong to labour, there shall be no decay: no leading into captiuitie, and no complaining in our streetes.

Happy are the people that be in such a case: yea blessed are the people, that haue the Lord for their God.

The third Pſalme.

WE will magnifie thee, O God our King: and will prayse thy Name for euer and euer. Pſal.145.

Euery day will wee giue thankes vnto thee: and prayse thy name for euer and euer.

Great is the Lorde, and marueilous worthy to be praysed: there is no end of his greatnesse.

One generation shall prayse thy workes vnto another: and declare thy power.

The memoriall of thine aboundant kindnesse shall be shewed: and men shall sing of thy righteousnesse.

The Lord is righteous in all his wayes: and holy in all his workes.

The fourth pſalme.

The Lorde is nigh vnto all that call vpon him: yea, all ſuch as call vpon him faithfully.

He will fulfill the deſire of them that feare him: hee alſo will heare their crye, and will helpe them.

The Lorde preſerueth all them that loue him: but ſcattereth abroad all the vngodly.

Pſal.138. Though wee walke in the middeſt of trouble, yet ſhall he refreſh vs: hee ſhall ſtretche foorth his hand vpon the furiouſneſſe of our enemies, and his right hand ſhall ſaue vs.

Pſal.116. The ſnares of death compaſſed vs round about: & the paynes of hel gate hold vpon vs.

But thou Lord, haſt deliuered our ſoules from death: our eyes from teares, and our feete from falling.

Pſal.30. Thou haſt turned our heauineſſe into ioy: thou haſt put off our ſackcloth, and girded vs with gladneſſe.

Therefore ſhall euery good man ſing of thy praiſe without ceaſſing: O God, we wil giue thankes vnto thee for euer.

The fourth Pſalme.

Pſal.106. O Giue thanks vnto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercie endureth for euer.

Who can expreſſe the noble actes of the Lord: or ſhew forth all his prayſe?

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For wee haue sinned with our fathers: we haue done amisse and dealt wickedly.

We haue not regarded thy wonders, nor kept thy great goodnesse in remembrance: but haue bene disobedient to thy holy will.

Neuertheless, he hath holpen vs for his names sake: that he might make his power to be knowen.

For loe, the vngodly had bent their bowe, Psal.11. and made ready their arrowes within the quiuer: that they might priuily shoote at vs.

Many Oxen compassed to haue come about Psal.22. vs: fat Bulles of Basan intended to close vs in on euery side.

They gaped vpon vs with their mouthes: as it were ramping and roaring Lions.

The counsell of the wicked layd siege against vs: they set trappes in our wayes.

They had priuily layd their net to destroy Psal.35. vs without a cause: yea, euen without a cause had they made a pit for our soule.

But thou (O Lorde) hast deliuered our Psal.22. soule from the sworde: thy darling from the power of the dogge.

Thou hast saued vs from ỹ Lions mouth: thou hast heard vs from amongst the hornes of the Vnicornes.

A sodaine destruction is come vpon them Psal.35. vnawares, and the net that they had layde priuily, hath catched themselues: they are fallen into their our owne mischiefe.

They are confounded and put to shame, that did seeke after our soule: they are turned backe & put to confusion that imagined mischiefe for vs.

Psal.22. Wherefore prayse the Lorde, yee that feare him: magnifie him all ye of the seede of Iacob, and feare him all ye of the seede of Israel.

For he hath not despised, nor abhorred the lowe estate of the poore: hee hath not hid his face from him, but when we called vnto him, he heard vs.

Therefore our prayse is of thee in the great Congregation: our vowes will we performe in the sight of them that feare him.

Glory be to the Father, to the sonne &c.

℣. Hereunto also may be added at the discretion of the Ministers the lxxxiii. the Ciii. and the Cxxiiii. Psalmes. And for the first Lesson, when he shall see occasion, he may reade one of these Chapters: Viz. Exod. xv. Iudg. v. Esther. vi. vii. viii. and ix.